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THE OLD FRIENDS.

Where are they scattered now,
The old, old friends?
One made her dwelling where the maples
glow,
Another streams through solemn forests
flow,
But never from that pine-crowned land of
snow,
A message sends.

Some meet us oft amid
Life's common ways;
And then, perchance, a word or smile
declares
The warm hearts throb beneath their
lead of cares;
For love grows on, like wheat among the
tares.

But some are fallen asleep;
Oh, friends at rest beneath the blessed sod,
My feet still tread the weary road ye trod,
Yet yet your loving souls wait back to
God.

When shall we meet?
Oh, thou divinest Friend,
That I may know them in their garments
bright,
And see them with a new and clearer sight,
Mine old familiar friends, made fair and
bright.

Take unto Thee!
—Sunday Magazine.

TO THE END.

BY MARIANNE PARKINGHAM.

It was long ago that we made our vow,
And the King stood waiting by,
And our hearts were filled with a thankful
joy.

That never on earth shall die;
For he had forgiven our many sins,
For he could still take us to his arms,
Do you think we can ever forsake Him
now?

For pleasure, or mirth like this?
We have walked with Him through the
scattered fields,
Where the purple violets grow;
We have heard Him in our hour of
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As we stood by the river's side,
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whose business will be to write to the different churches, urging co-operation, and who will make quarterly, monthly or annual reports of our proceedings. Every society will, of course, have its President, Treasurer, etc.; but there should be a President of the Ladies' Missionary Societies of Mississippi, who will correspond with our missionaries abroad and thus furnish articles of interest through our State paper to our different societies. [We would suggest the name, Corresponding Secretary, Ladies' Missionary Society of Mississippi.—Ed.] We could report our different plans of work and she could have published such plans as would encourage and help other societies. Let us go about this work with a true womanly spirit that will know no failure, feeling assured of our Father's approval and his blessing. Woman, with her tact and ingenuity, can devise many plans of work—with the needle, the garden, the poultry yard, etc. Our offerings may be small, but may not be at least hear our Master say: "She hath done what she could."

We will all have difficulties; yes, very many difficulties. (Let not self be our greatest difficulty.) Those in the country will find it often troublesome to meet together and those in town will complain of how little can be done. We have no patches to plant in cotton, pop-corn or pinders; no "missionary hen," or "pig," and if we take in sewing, it will be taking bread from the poor who have no other means of support. Still, some thoughts, and ask God to show you the way. Don't tell me that, if your heart is warm with the love, that you—a woman—can't find a way to earn or deny yourself something for such a purpose. The first thing then will be to consider, prayerfully the importance of the work, and our responsibility to our God, in regard to it. Get your own heart warm. Let love to God and his immortal creatures actuate us. Can we, in the last great day see those countless souls turned away into everlasting woe; and not feel that we had the glorious light of the gospel from them, by withholding our means, our efforts and our prayers? While we labor with our hands, let us not forget to pray that the Holy Spirit may be with our missionaries. Without the Spirit how vain the work!

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For the Record.

"Show Thyself a Woman."

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here. As every mouthful of food should be wholesome, every literary morsel should be pure. The newspaper is simply an instructor. Look well then to the character of that teacher employed to visit your house, hold week by week to educate your self, your wife and your children. The newspaper is a rare teacher, and never fails to impart the moral, as well as, intellectual influence peculiar to its individual character, be it good or evil. Ah! be careful, in avoiding ignorance, to shun that which is infinitely worse, the corruption of the heart and morals. Reject sensational periodicals and all that class of flash-cut literature which tends to work up the imagination and inflame the passions, as you would turn from a venomous reptile.

Employ you, then, a teacher—a newspaper teacher if you please—of purity and moral healthfulness. Have it visit you weekly, and with its instructings and the Bible as a guide, there is no excuse for ignorance with you or your children.

CENTRAL GROVE, March 15, 1877.

For Woman.

Dear women, it is not to any thing you own, nor to any manual labor which you can perform, that man looks forward to with such delightful expectations; but it is in hope, that he shall ever meet a sweet, complacent face, when he comes home to you. It may cost a great struggle against some freakish fancy, to always appear in this mood; but it is worth infinitely more than it costs, the cost never so great. The house may be full of furniture of the finest polish, and every piece so adjusted as to satisfy the most extravagant desires, and to lull into sweetest repose the most exquisite feelings, and the wife's costume may culminate in that elegance which would eclipse the grandeur of the proudest princess; and yet, if she have a melancholy air, there is a gloom which casts its mantle of unhappiness over the husband's heart. But the home may be a peaceful humble cottage, destitute of all these luxuries, and, if love and cheerfulness be there enthroned, it will lack in the sunlight of undisturbed happiness.

We are so constituted that our feelings are very easily wrought upon by the condition of the minds of those whom we love. A chameleon is a little reptile whose color changes to correspond to the color of any object with which it remains long in contact. Our minds are somewhat similar. They become tinged with sorrow, when made sensible that any one whom we love is sorrowful. The condition of one mind is frequently communicated through the medium of speech to another; but is also, as effectually conveyed, sometimes, through the sense of vision. The countenance is said to be a true exponent of the feelings of a person. Solomon says, "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance," and "Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop." Sadness delineated in the countenance of a wife, is communicated by an electric wire of love to the heart of the husband, and produces a like feeling. Then, noble woman, though your cares and household responsibilities are many and great, do make your home happy; this you can do, in a great measure, by wearing an air of satisfaction.

T. J. B.

March 16, 1877.

This is a very good piece for wives and all true. We hope they will take heed thereto, and govern themselves accordingly. But husbands ought to remember, mean while, that it helps the wife to be cheerful for him to always carry home with him a happy, smiling face—a thing very hard to do, and often not done.—Ed.

Ministers' Meeting of Yazoo Association, to be held in Durant, April 27-29.

1st. Significance of the "Kingdom,"—"Kingdom of Heaven," and "Kingdom of God."—Matt. Lyon.

2d. Should deacons be elected for a limited period?—R. A. Colborn.

3. Reception of members by the churches.—J. T. Freeman.

4. Ought applicants for membership be required to agree to abstain from card-playing, dancing and drinking intoxicating liquors?—T. S. Wright.

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Expensiveness of Sin.

Just now while people are undeniably poor and hard pressed, and many are crying out against the cost of religion, it will be profitable for some people to think of the cost of sin. Sin is not only wrong in itself, a blight upon the happiness of mankind, but it is dreadfully expensive also. We cannot afford it in our deep poverty. What an amount of money it takes for a man to kill himself drinking. To do it he must often rob his family of every comfort, and even many of the necessities of life. One ball often costs more than it takes to support a church for a year. Sin is expensive, fearfully expensive. It costs the average sinner much time, and the greater part of his income to pay his way to hell. Read the following:

Did the reader ever think of what sin cost the world? Its moral forces are excluded from the inquiry. It is a bad economist. It multiplies human toil, and wastes the creations of industry.

If sin were not, there would be no wars. The war establishments of nations would disappear. (This would revolutionize society. No national debts; taxes light; the support of government no longer a burden; the class of prodigals enlarged; such economical results, would follow. War, it is confessed, is attended with greater economical evils. It digs premature graves, mutilates human forms, desolates households, and demoralizes communities. But its minor evils deserve consideration as well as its greater. It supplies labor, creates national debts, and increases the burdens of life.

If sin were not, criminal jurisprudence would cease. Court-houses, law-offices, and State-prisons would disappear. Judges, lawyers, magistrates, and police officers would fade from view. Society in a state of infancy and growth might still exist, but without the legal and penal machinery, and the necessities of a continuance of legal tribunals among men. But in the absence of all crime the staff of life could become obsolete. The science and profession of criminal law would cease, its badges disappear from society, and its representatives be swallowed up in the promiscuous multitude. This revolution in civil affairs, like that of war, would diminish, by at least another tenth, the burdens of society.

If sin were not, intemperance would cease. Distilleries, wholesale liquor establishments, and groceries would no longer curse the ground. Grain, now wasted to waste, would be converted into the staff of life, and labor employed to blight and degrade men would be directed into channels of usefulness.

The change would gladden the inmates of the home—made dark and desolate by the demon of intemperance. It would banish the criminal and labor for the world, saving mints of wealth, and diminishing the burdens of life.—Advance.

Honey out of the Rock.

To know the true joy of working for Christ, we must work amid difficulties and trials; battle against obstacles, temptations, and discouraging circumstances; must toil, not simply occupy himself pleasantly and call it labor.

To know the true joy of giving, one must give, not from his abundance, not from the surplus after all his own wants are gratified, but from his penury; must give that which it costs him something to obtain; that which some sacrifice life deeply laden; and verily, such loss not their reward.

To know the preciousness of Jesus' love, one must have felt the bitter lack of sympathy; the cold indifference of a trusted friend; the frozen hand of an alienated loved one.

To know the deep sweetness of rest, one must feel the wearisome of labor; for, to him whose hours have been listless and idle, sleep will not come with gentle, caressing hand upon his brow, softly and sweetly, as to him who has borne the burden and heat of the day. Home! that haven of rest! To the exhausted way-farer how brightly it gleams at the end of his way. It were glorious to utterly wear away, to faint from excessive work and suffering, and the awakening to "where the weary are at rest," where "they rest from their labors," where Jesus is the rest, the light, and the life.

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A Unique Letter.

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Ed. J. B. Fuqua has a letter at this office. Where will it reach you, Bro. Fuqua?

The Baptist Reflector.

We receive to exchange this excellent paper, published and edited by Mayfield and Pope, Nashville, Tenn. It is an old fashioned paper, well edited and well printed. We are glad to meet our friend and brother, Mayfield, on the field of journalism. We expect to find the Reflector an agreeable visitor to our sanctum. In appearance, the paper is something like the Record, and we think very good.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John, 3:16.

Life here is dear to all. There is no sacrifice of property or anything else, however great, one will not make to save it. Its value, pecuniarily, cannot be estimated. It is the life of this short life how much more ought it to be of that to come. But, alas! alas! how low the estimate persons place upon that life. They seem unwilling to make sacrifices the most insignificant to save it. A person about to lose this life by any cause, or rescued by another never considers the obligation canceled for the great favor thus bestowed. They willingly surrender all at the feet of their rescuer. Why, O reader, are you so indifferent toward God who has made such a great sacrifice to save you from eternal death. He sacrificed his Son upon the cross for you. He sent him to seek and save you. He came and for your sake he died. Do we live in a heathen land? Ay, we live worse than heathen land. We live in a land where the gospel sheds a holy light around, yet how few believe this gospel. Ask almost every intelligent man you meet "do you believe that Jesus died to save you?" "Why, yes," and manifests great astonishment at the question. Does he really believe? If actions speak plainer than words, he does not. His mind assents to the fact, but his heart does not believe unto righteousness. His acts belie his words.
Reader, do you believe with the heart? If not stop and think for whoever believeth (with the heart) a man shall not perish but have everlasting life.

State Mission Board.

The regular meeting of this Board will be held in Jackson on Thursday, the 5th day of April next; and it is very important that every member, who can do so, should attend.
The Missionaries are not provided for, Bro. Fuqua is not able to collect money, pastors do nothing to help the cause, and the Board must provide ways and means to sustain this important work.
Brethren let us have a full meeting.
Jno. T. Beck,
Rev. Geo. B. Eager.

That Promised Letter from Lexington, Va.

Another visit from the Record reminds me of my purpose and promise to write another letter. How time flies when we are busy! How many promises, but God disposes! I hardly know whether I did right or not to promise "something about our work here" for the columns of the Record, for I am sure you will have full enough to "crowd" your columns of "news and notes" from the home field without anything additional from "foreign parts." (But we want our readers to know that the world is wider than Mississippi—Ed.) Still, I will venture to offer a few items to be used when they may be needed to fill up. Perhaps most Mississippians think of the whole State of Virginia as about "full to the brim" of Baptists. Such is not the fact. The Baptists are the prevailing denomination throughout East Virginia, but not so in the Valley. Here the Presbyterians prevail. This section was settled and has been mainly held by the Scotch-Irish who are built up, you know, of generations of the sternest and sturdiest Presbyterian stock. So that Presbyterianism throughout the Valley of Virginia rests upon foundations about as immovable as the basal adamant of these grand old mountains ranges that wall us in. The character and relative strength of the denomination in the South-west can give no adequate idea of the firm foot that we have on this country. And I am not here to deny that they are a grand people, teachers as they are of the doctrines of grace, devoted to "the strictest discipline," sternly devout and sincerely "orthodox." They number among their preachers some noble and eloquent men, and can point to such splendid specimens of christian manhood as we behold in a Stone-Well-Jackson.

(The Baptists throughout the Valley are comparatively "a feeble folk," but they have increased wonderfully in numbers and influence within the last few years. It was in this field that Dr. Geo. B. Taylor, now of Rome, Italy, operated so successfully; and it is here that Dr. C. S. Manly, a man of rare ability and zeal, and other men of kindred spirit, are now working for the Master. The plan of his practice, and regarded by them as greatly departed from, and indeed during the ages by their brethren of other denominations, are becoming better known throughout the Valley, and consequently are winning converts in considerable numbers. Then, besides, they are making themselves felt, and gradually modifying the views held by christians in other communities. Our Christian studies have, contrasted as Baptists have much to be doing, and may yet be done, in the world by this gradually modifying influence exerted on other denominations.
At this place Presbyterianism has held sway for more than a century. In numbers and wealth as well as in educational and social business power, the Presbyterians are now as strong as all the other denominations combined. This strength has been augmented of late by the incoming of their new pastor, Dr. Francis P. Mahaffy, a truly able and earnest preacher.
The Baptists gained a foothold here in 1841, but have had to struggle to maintain bare existence ever since. They are now comparatively few in numbers, feeble in influence, humble in position and oppressed with debt. But by the providence and grace of God they are united, devoted and determined; and, like a certain illustrious ancestor of theirs, "troubled on every side, yet not distressed; persecuted, but not broken; cast down, but not destroyed," they are careful most all, I trust, to be faithful to "the truth as it is in Jesus."

Their past has not been altogether without success and glory. They have numbered among their pastors such men as Dr. Cornelius Tyree, author of "The Living Epistle," Dr. J. Newton Brown, well known as the Editor of "The Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge," Dr. J. Wm. Jones, author of "Reminiscences of Robert E. Lee," etc., and have counted among their converts numbers of young men who have gone forth to bless the world, some of whom are shining to-day with conspicuous lustre, as for instance, Rev. T. T. Eaton of Petersburg and Rev. J. C. Hiden of Greenville, South Carolina.
The work here assumes its highest importance in the light of the fact that this is the seat of the Washington and Lee University, and the Virginia Military Institute; in both of which institutions the Baptist pastor is called, in turn, to perform the duties of chaplain, and to do what he can to exert a religious influence over the hundreds of young men who gather here annually.
So, you see, that while I am yet left to wonder at the mysterious concurrence and convergence of providences which turned me away, broken down in strength, from the land with which all the sweetest memories and hopes of my life are linked, and broughtland placed me here a "stranger in a strange land," still I can cheer my heart with the thought that I have not come to a field where reinforcement

ments in the Baptist ranks are not greatly needed, and where I may not hope to be greatly blessed with renewal of health and strength, as well as some measure of usefulness in the Master's cause.

I rejoice in the general favor with which the Record has so far met.
Geo. B. Eager,
Lexington, Va., March, 1877.

Dear Editor:

Have you got yourself into trouble? You said in your Salutatory: "I believe in free discussion on a very wide range of subjects, everything indeed that interests the people. This I shall permit in the Record—Honest, christian, all-sided discussion." Now were you not unfortunate in using such language as this? I think I know what you mean, and from my heart endorse every word of it; but are all others wise? (Of course you will think nothing of my advice, you said we must do it.) Will not others think, when you say you "believe in free discussion on a very wide range of subjects," that you mean that you, yourself, will be very "free," that is, very liberal in your views on all subjects? And when you say you will permit "all-sided discussion," will they not think that you mean that you, yourself, will take all the sides? (May be so, for there is no accounting for some people—Ed.) For example, when one asks you, if it is right to dance, will they not expect you to write a long editorial, taking both sides, showing that it is both wrong and right? And when one asks you if alien immersions are valid, will they not expect you to say "yes," they are valid, but it is a question of no importance, and churches ought to receive them, or not as they please? Don't a great many people think that "all-sided discussion" means for an editor, himself, to be an anti-lamb, anti-immersionist, and a Pike-it? (Possibly, but these good people will have a chance to learn something—Ed.) And if you are not all these, and actually oppose any other editor or man who is, will they not say you "embarrass and enlarge freedom of thought and speech" (some will, liberty of speech with a good many means simply liberty for their speech and not for others—Ed.) This is the trouble. You, I fear, have created the impression upon these "ladies" that you are going to be all things to all men, to please all. Now if they find out, as I think they will, that you are an old landmarker to the core, and are always pitching into these liberals who are always allowing others to pitch into them too, they will cry out, and say: "That editor has gone back on his word!" "He is a little Pope!" "He embarrasses freedom of thought and speech." (Let them say so in the Record if they want to and show that it is true.—Ed.)

On the other hand, if "all-sided discussion" does mean for an editor to be all things to all men to please all, you will have all of us landmarkers come down on you "like night"—You, sir, in my opinion, like our new President, occupy a most critical position, (but we were fairly elected, and he was not—Ed.) and you need all the firmness of a Jackson, and all the wisdom of a Solomon, to carry you safe through. I, for one, am for you, just as long as you are right; but, let it be understood now, if you get wrong, I'll oppose you at the risk of being called "liberal," "anti-baptistic" or "accessor of brethren." (Well—Ed.) I'll oppose you, even at the risk of "embarrassing freedom of thought and speech."

ADVISER.

The writer of the above is a man who means what he says, and he is right. We hope the brethren will have no fear of editors before their eyes, but will come down on us "like night" when we get wrong. We are not afraid of them, and they need not hesitate to oppose us when we fly the track—Ed.

A Keg of Nails.

A. H. B.

"And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place."
How important are nails! They hold the builder's work. By their use the structure is magnificent. We cannot do without nails. We must have nails. Yet a nail is nothing but a nail—nothing more, nothing less. A good nail is useful and strong in its place—content to be hid away from human view as a nail in the building. God said of his servant Eliakim that he would "fasten him as a nail in a sure place." Nails are used by the "Master of assemblies" in the matter of church building. The foundation is laid. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."—Paul. The church is "God's building," and is thereby so "firmly" and strongly "framed together," that it has stood impregnable against storms of false doctrines and the whirlwinds of persecution—the gates of hell.
But in our keg of nails are found good and bad ones mixed up together. Some have no head. Others are sharp at the point, and others are larger at the point than at the head. Some are split and full of flaws. And here comes another nail so crooked that in driving you either bruise your finger or mar your work.
These defective nails may count and weigh—but are not only useless but really mischievous. Indeed it is useless to attempt to drive them. Every time they will go where you don't want them, split or mar your

board, or else break and mash your finger; they will surely lead to something wrong every time.
An expert hand may work out the crooked and thus transpose them into the semblance of good ones, and still they are not safe. They can never do good service, until they are sent back to the nail-factory and brought out entirely new.

Did any one ever meet with church members, and some of them ministers of the gospel too, whose special mission seemed to be, to mar and spoil whatever they touched? The straightening process has been applied, and still just like a crooked or defective nail, they fill you with sorrow at last. The only remedy is to send them to the nail-factory from whence they will be sent back new creatures in Christ Jesus.

Thus our keg has spoken words of wisdom which "are as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies." Nails must be content to be nails—Aren't God's people, you his ministers, duty not to be simply "a voice in the wilderness." Nothing more, nothing less.

Who has not vivid remembrances of the mistakes of trying to make large nails take the place of small ones, or small ones take the place of large ones? Those experiments result in waste, splits, slips, breaks and aches. Here is found a good school-master, under whose instruction any student of truth may become well versed in all the branches of the nail family.

Who does not have a downright aversion to crooked, defective nails? Architects don't touch them if they can help it, and soon drop them out of sight. Such material cannot be used in church building—they are unregenerated, unclean. An unregenerated mass of a structure held together by all kinds of nails—twisted points, crooked points, or head, or all heads, stump head, split and full of flaws, will sooner or later fall to pieces of its own weight.

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it."—Christ.
What an honor! What a preference! It is enough to be the hidden nail in building glorious and enduring as "God's building."
(More nails, Bro. A. H. B.)

Faith The Secret of Strength.

Faith makes men strong—not in the head, but in the heart. Doubting people are generally hand-slung—the Thomases of people who obstinately declare that they will not believe unless they can have proof of their own choosing. If you read certain newspapers, journals, and periodicals, and so on, you will see that the doubting people who are always extolling skepticism and making out that there is more faith in their doubt than in half the creeds, and so on, are particularly strong in the upper region, namely, in the head, only it is that sort of head-tough which imparts real weakness, for ordinary seeing goes with wisdom. They are always sneering at believers as a feeble folk, which is a clear sign that they are not very strong themselves; for everyone is this a rule without exception, that when a man despises his opponent he is himself the party weak. I do not desire to quarrel with certain writers who about "evangelical platitudes" at they commonly do, they only see in others a fault with which they are largely chargeable themselves. Anybody who glances at the skeptical literature of the present day will be amazed at the platitudes that have gone over to the doubting side of the house. No people can write such fluent nonsense, and talk such absurdity, as the school of modern doubt and "culture" they think themselves the wisest of the wise but professing to be wise they have become fools, and I know what I say. It is true that the evangelized party have become fat and staid, but the other party have beaten us at that. They are more dull, more staid, and more unprofitable by far. When a man leaves faith he leaves strength; when he takes up with "liberal" views in religion, and does not believe anything in particular, he has lost the best and snare of his soul. It is true all around, and it is the thing he truly believes has an element of power of which the doubter knows nothing. Even if a man be somewhat mistaken in what he believes, there is a power in his faith, though it may in part be power for mischief there is, however, in a believer's world of power for good. If the thing he believed, Paul was a believer of God, and so become strong in heart, and was on board the foundering vessel the center of hope, the mainstay of courage.—Spurgeon.

Ed. J. B. Fuqua.
"Reader"—That we heartily recommend Ed. J. B. Fuqua to the brotherhood throughout the State as agent to raise funds and notes for Mississippi College, and as a brother who is well and favorably known in a large part of our State, and who has a record as a minister of the gospel which should commend him to our people.
The above resolution was unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Baptist State Convention in Jackson. Bro. Fuqua spent some time after the meeting of the Convention in Mississippi bottom. He now enters vigorously on his work again. Let the brethren give him hearty receptions and hearty subscriptions.

Bro. Fuqua is authorized to receive subscriptions for the Record.

See notice in another column of mules strayed.

Dr. Lorimer, of Boston, has been called to the Second Baptist church, St. Louis.

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MARRIED.

On the evening of the 14th inst., at the residence of Mr. J. J. Bennett, Mr. J. J. Bennett and Miss Mollie E. Hartzog, all of Illinois.

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In Holmes county, Miss., on the 8th, by Rev. J. T. Freeman, Mr. E. Z. Watson to Miss A. D. McMillan.

SECULAR NEWS.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

The situation of things at Washington is not materially changed since our last writing. The peace policy is still insisted on, and maintained; but there is a strong effort on the part of politicians of the Morton school to get control of the new Administration, and we think they are measurably succeeding. We notice some very unfavorable signs; as, for instance, the appointment of two of Morton's particular friends to places immediately below Mr. Key in the Post Office department, and then Mr. Key has said that in making his appointments in the South, he will give them to Republicans as far as expedient—give Republicans the preference. We regard this a coming down. As to the office, we care nothing at all, and if we might suggest in the matter we would say give the bulk of the Southern offices to our poor, broken down women who could and would manage them well, and thereby make a living for themselves and their dependent orphans.

What we object to, is that Secretary Key proposes to give the patronage of the government in the South to the Republican party. We thought we were to have a non-political civil service, but it seems not. Democrats will consider whether they can afford to give their influence to resuscitate Radicalism in the South. Mr. Key will probably find that he has practically given himself away, if this is to be his policy. And Hayes will find that in taking him, he got the Key, but not the lock; and what is more worthless than a key by itself. We have a right to demand of this new President and his cabinet a non-partisan administration, and we cannot afford to support it on any other idea. Let that be understood.
Within a week we will know, probably, the fate of Louisiana and South Carolina. It is believed very generally that Hampton and Nicholls will be recognized, and to an end be made to carpet bagger in the South.

This is the crisis of the new Administration. If it is not done the Southern Democrats, if not the Northern, will break away in mass, and commence an unrelenting warfare on Hayes. And if it is done, many prominent Radicals will be greatly offended. We are hopeful, but we are by no means certain what will be done. The pressure is strong on both sides, with the President's feelings naturally in favor of the man who stood by him in his sorest need, and waded knee-deep in infamy to make him President. We wait to see the outcome.

An extra session of Congress seems necessary, though, for obvious reasons, the President is indisposed to call it. Mr. Hayes would like to have every thing quiet for sometime, so he could settle his administration to his own mind. Congress is very troublesome to Presidents sometimes.
We notice some of our Southern papers are advocating a break in our ranks, especially a break from our Northern Democratic allies. The idea is, we have got what we wanted, and now we need not hold together so closely.

This is premature, to say the least of it. We regard the new President as being strictly on trial, and while we are anxious that he should have a chance to carry out all his good promises, and are willing to help him to do so, we believe he needs watching, and compelling, too. Confidence is of slow growth, and in this case there are so many suspicious circumstances attending the conversion of Mr. Hayes to a Democratic policy, that it will take all of four years to satisfy us that he is just what he ought to be. We have insisted all the time that we should help the President to do right, but at the same time we should keep ourselves in a position to compel him, if he should become apostate as we think it very possible. Our disintegration would leave the Radicals masters of the situation again.

We hope to see the day when the sectional question will no longer be known in politics, for it is fruitful of great evils in many ways, some of which we shall mention in subsequent articles.

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